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the following rail shipments crossed the border, in the directions indicated, during the period from 15 through 20 August 1952

B - boxcar

F - flatcar

C/B - converted boxcar

T - tank car

G - gondola car

R - refrigerator car

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
in	and Type			
August	of Cars			

a. Westbound shipments:

15	4 F	ore	Brest-	Dresden
	1 G		Litovsk	

3 F II G	pig iron	"	Schwerin, Halle Magdeburg, Hennigsdorf, Ziltendorf
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5 B " " Brandenburg,
23 G " " Hennigsdorf,
Magdeburg,
Erfurt, Cottbus
Halle, Dresden

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13 B cotton " Dresden

3 B military goods " Muellrose

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I B " " Wolgast

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56 B empty grain Frank- toward
 shuttle train furt/
 border Eberswalde (2)
 for parking

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Date. in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
15	46 G 12 F	ore	Brest- Litovsk	Ziltendorf (3)
16	4 G	pig iron	"	Brandenburg, Thale
	2 T	brown coal tar oil	"	Erkner
	10 T	cotton seed oil	"	Wittenberge, Rostock
	? T	turpentine oil	"	Lisenspalterei
	1 T	benzol	"	Herseburg
	7 G	iron manganese ore	"	Chemnitz, Krossen
	27 T	empty	"	Grosskorbetha (4)
	6 B	military goods	"	Altenburg
	10 B	"	"	Heidenau
	36 B	ammunition	"	Kapen (5)
	9 R	butter	"	Erfurt, Dresden (6)
	6 B 16 B	cinnamon cotton	"	"
	1 R	butter	"	Falkenstein (6)
	1 B	cinnamon	"	Heidenau
	5 B 2 B	sheep wool tungsten	"	Leipzig
	1 B	sheep's wool	"	Langenfeld
	1 B	lead	"	Weissen
	4 B	cellulose	"	Muskau
	3 T	benzol	"	Herseburg
	8 B	carbon black	"	Halle, Erfurt Weissenfels Auerbach, Oschatz
	1 B	cognac	"	Heidenau
17	48 F	new trucks	"	toward Uberswalde (7)
	11 G	pig iron	"	Brandenburg
	6 T	turpentine oil	"	Lisenspalterei Erkner

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
17	10 T	cotton seed oil	Brest-Litovsk	Wittenberge, Rostock
	24 G	ore	"	Ziltendorf (3)
	28 G	pig iron	"	Halle, Magdeburg, Dresden, Hennigsdorf, Erfurt
	36 T	empty	"	Leipzig, Grosskorbetha (4)
	2 T	cotton seed oil	"	Wittenberge
	12 B 2 B	cotton, raw bast fibre	"	Dresden
	4 B	military goods	"	Muellrose
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	14 F	new trucks	"	Haldensleben
	2 B 5 F	escort personnel new trucks	"	Koenigs-wusterhausen (7)
	2 B 5 F	escort personnel 12 new trucks	"	Niederlehme (7)
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19	42 G	ore	"	Ziltendorf (3)
	51 F	unnumbered new trucks	"	Koenigsbrueck
			25X1	
	1 B 1 B	military goods escort personnel	"	Jessen (3)
20	13 B	ammunition	"	Toepchin
			25X1	
	15 F	8-ton aircraft crates without numbers	"	Cottbus (9)
	1 B	escort personnel	"	
	2 F	girders	"	Magdeburg
	3 F	girders and structural iron	"	Halle
	2 F	structural iron	"	Erfurt
	14 F	sheet iron structural iron and rails	"	Riesa and Chemnitz
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	9 B	military goods	"	Frankfurt/Oder
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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To	
20	13 T	empty	Brest-Litovsk	Leipzig	25X1
	3 F	birds	"	Erfurt	
	3 F	"	"	Wiederitzsch	
	27 F	sheet iron, structural iron and rails	"	Chemnitz	25X1

b. Eastbound shipments:

15	8 F	new Soviet gauge wheel sets			
	11 F	new express train coaches			
	6 F	new railroad cars suitable for the shipment of bitumen	Frankfurt/Oder border	Brest-Litovsk	25X1
	1 F	1 x 25-ton railroad crane			
	12 G	empty			
	46 B	uranium ore	Aue	"	(11)
	7 B	undetermined	Frankfurt/Oder border	"	
	40 F				
	7 G				
	16 F	crane parts	Leipzig	"	
	5 B	bookbinder's supplies			
	7 F	field railway flatcars	Halle	"	(10)
	4 F	machine parts	Nordhausen	"	
	35 F	machinery	Hagdeburg	"	
	7 G				
	2 G	disconnecting switches	Dresden	"	
	3 F	machine parts	Sangerhausen	"	
	4 F	crane parts	Wiederitzsch	"	
	1 F	dump trucks for foundries	Chemnitz	"	(10)
	5 B	potash	Bitterfeld	"	
	4 T	caustic soda solution			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
15	3 F	machinery	Zwickau	Brest-Litovsk
	6 F	containers	Thale	"
	3 B	kitchen utensils		"
	12 B	ammonium nitrate of lime	Wolfen	Neppen
16	25 B	undetermined	Frankfurt/Oder border	"
	6 F			
	3 G			
	27 F	trucks	Templin	Brest- (7) Litovsk
	1 B	escort personnel		
	17 SSym-type flatcars	empty	Frankfurt/Oder border	"
	12 G			"
	16 R sym-type flatcars with sidetracks	"	"	"
	8 G			"
	76 B	undetermined	"	"
	48 G			
	17 F			
	20 T	gasoline	Boehlen	Zhabinka (4)
	28 G	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest-Litovsk
	46 B	uranium ore	"	" (11)
	56 B	undetermined	"	"
	42 F	trucks	Jueterbog	" (7)
	1 B	escort personnel		
	34 T	gasoline	Boehlen	Zhabinka
	18 T	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest-Litovsk
	40 F	trucks	Jueterbog	"
	1 B	escort personnel		
17	56 G	empty	Berlin-Rummelsburg	"
	50 B	potash	Leimbach	Neppen
	38 T	gasoline	Boehlen	Zhabinka (4)

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
17	57 B	undetermined	Frankfurt/ Oder	Brest- Litovsk
	38 T 13 G	alcohol empty	Dessau	" (4)
	13 B	nitrate of lime	Wolfen	Poland
	5 B 12 B	carbon black carbide	Flaesteritz	"
	7 B	cardboard	Lichicht	"
	3 G	clay pipes	Coswig	"
	37 F	undetermined	Frankfurt/ Oder border	Brest- Litovsk
	6 G	"	Gross (sic)	"
	4 F	new flatcars	Halle	" (10)
	1 B	clay pipes	Roeplingen(sic)	"
	22 B 3 B	acetic acid an undetermined type of acid	Merseburg	"
	6 B	porcelain	Kahla	"
	1 F	machinery	Saalfeld	"
	7 B	fire hoses	Bad Blankenburg	"
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19	55 B	undetermined	Frankfurt/ Oder border	Brest- Litovsk
	43 F 1 B	used trucks escort personnel	Stendal	"
	40 F	used trucks	Wolmirstedt	"
	56 ?	undetermined	Frankfurt/ Oder border	"
	23 T	gasoline	Boehlen	Zhabinka (4)
	49 ?	undetermined	Frankfurt/ Oder border	Brest- Litovsk
	50 B	potash	Leimbach	Reppen
	48 ?	undetermined	Frankfurt/ Oder border	Brest- Litovsk
	13 F 13 G	machinery	Hagdeburg	"

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To	
19	7 B	an undeter- mined type of acid	Merseburg	Brest- Litovsk	
	2 B	perfol (a super- polyamide, packing foil)	Bitterfeld	"	
	6 G	pure phenol	Grosskor- betha	"	
	4 B	cellulose	Wilenburg	"	
	2 F	machine parts	Zeitz	"	
	2 F 1 G	measuring equipment	Leipzig	"	
	9 B	bicycles	Suhl	"	
	6 F	machinery	Saalfeld	"	
	6 F	field railway cars	Halle	"	(10)
	14 B 1 G	sections of prefabricated houses	Dresden	"	
	12 F	crane parts	Wiederitzsch	"	
	1 B	carbide	Piesteritz	"	
	6 G	stoves	Radebeul	"	
	6 B	porcelain	Kahla	"	
	7 B	special hoses	Bad Blankenburg	"	
	24 G	television sets	Radeberg	"	
	4 B	paper	Penig	"	
	2 G	iron tubes	Muskau	"	
	4 B	insulators	Koesnitz	"	
	4 B	kitchen utensils	Eisenach	"	
	1 G 10 F	crane parts	Eisenspalterei	"	
20	31 F	methanol	Grosskorbetha	"	(4)

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
20	1 T	ethyl alcohol	Dessau	Brest-Litovsk
	6 T	undetermined	Kerseburg	"
	3 T	caustic soda solution	Bitterfeld	"
	42 F	used trucks	Jueterbog	"
	1 B	escort personnel		
	4 7 ?	undetermined	Frankfurt/ Oder border	"
	46 B	uranium ore	Johann-georgenstadt	"
	33 F	machinery	Nordhausen Magdeburg Leipzig	"
	46 B	sections of prefabricated houses	Rummelsburg	"
	10 G			
	44 B	potash	Dorndorf	Reppen
	56 ?	weapons (?)	Frankfurt/ Oder border	Brest-Litovsk
	1 B	escort personnel		
	45 F	used trucks	Roederau	"
	6 B	military goods	"	"
	1 B	electrical equipment	Berlin-Ostbahnhof	"
	8 G			
	5 F	electrodes	Raguhn	"
	3 B	meteorological equipment	Warnemuende	"
	3 B	piece goods	various stations	"
	6 B	kitchen utensils	Thale	"
	5 F	enameled containers		
	1 G			
	3 F	railroad equipment	Berlin-Weissensee	"
	10 F	boiler sections	Riesa	"

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
20	10 B 1 B	carbide rubber boots	Piesteritz	Brest-Litovsk
	5 B	kitchen utensils	Thale	"
	10 F	television sets	Radeberg	"
	1 F	machinery	Teltow	Poland
	6 G	machine parts	Leipzig	"
	1 B	generators	Berlin-Osthafen	"
	2 B	typewriters	Erfurt	"
	1 B	machinery	Soemmerda	"
	20 B	nitrate of ammonium sulphate	Wolfen	"
	1 F	machinery	Berlin-Osthafen	"
	4 B	machinery	Berlin-Ostbahnhof	Ostfor (?) (China)

2. Rail shipments

passing through Frankfurt/Oder, in the directions indicated, during the period from 14 through 17 August 1952 included:

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
a. Eastbound				
14	1 B 44 F	undetermined	Neuruppin	Brest-Litovsk
	28 T	gasoline	Boehlen	"
	46	undetermined	Templin	"
	30 T	gasoline	Boehlen	"
	45 F 1 C/B	undetermined	Jueterbog Altes-Lager	"
16	43	undetermined	Weisswasser	"
17	19	gasoline	Boehlen	Zhabinka

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
b. Westbound				
14	40	undetermined	Brest-Litovsk	Guestrow
15	30 B 10	ammunition crash cars	"	Prenzlau (13)
16	26	ammunition	"	Guestrow (13)
17	12	undetermined	"	Haldensleben
	27	undetermined	"	Boetzow

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Comments.

- (1) [REDACTED]
- (2) This westbound empty grain shuttle train indicates that the East German grain import program which was started in January 1952, is essentially completed.
- (3) Raw material deliveries for the Foundry Combine East near Fuerstenberg on the Oder River.
- (4) Deliveries by East German hydrogenation plants to the U.S.S.R. and returning empty tank cars.
- (5) A large ammunition depot of the GDRG is located in Kapen.
- (6) Refrigerator cars operating between the U.S.S.R. and East Germany.
- (7) Those shipments are connected with the motor vehicle replacement program.
- (8) [REDACTED] Until 14 August 1952, a total of 3,373 new motor vehicles arrived in Eastern Germany.
- (9) A large ordnance and equipment depot of the GDRG is located in Jessen. From the weight of these crates it is believed that they contained jet fighters. In late July, the bomber regiment stationed at Cottbus airfield moved to Jueterbog. [REDACTED]. It was anticipated that the field would be reoccupied.
- (10) Deliveries by East German railroad car factories to the U.S.S.R.
- (11) [REDACTED] The Soviet gauge wheel sets sent along will be used on the Soviet railroad system.
- (12) The dispatch to the U.S.S.R. of empty heavy-duty flatcars indicates that new tanks will arrive in East Germany soon. [REDACTED]. The new Rryn-type cars can carry two tanks each.
- (13) The shipments dispatched to Guestrow were probably for the former German Army ammunition depot in Guestrow-Friemerwald. This ammunition depot, was occupied by the Soviets at the end of the war, vacated in late 1949 and occupied by Volkspolizei (VP) in January 1950. A VP tank school and a large tank repair shop are located there. The ammunition shipment to Prenzlau was probably also for VP, possibly for the 1st VP corps or army which is being activated in this area.

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